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The Honorable Loyd Wright
Chairman
Commission on Government Security
441 G Street, N. W.
Washington 23, D. C.

Dear Loyd:

Thank you for sending us a copy of the report of the Special Committee on the Federal Loyalty Security Program, which I have now had an opportunity to study. I would be glad to discuss it with you or other members of your Committee as might be designated.

Since I am planning a rather extensive trip out of the country, leaving here the first part of August, our General Counsel, Mr. Lawrence R. Houston, who has made a more detailed review, will be available and prepared to discuss various technical points of the report with you or your staff at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Loyd Wright, Esq.
Chairman
Commission on Government Security
441 G Street, N. W.
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Dear Loyd:

In a conference we had on 16 June, Judge McGranery asked what impact the report of the Special Committee on The Federal Loyalty-Security Program would have on the Central Intelligence Agency. I had not at that time seen this report, but I have since had a study made of the advance copy which you were good enough to send us.

Since we among other particularly sensitive agencies are specifically exempted from the procedural recommendations, we are, of course, not affected in this regard. We do think certain of the recommendations have merit and believe that on the whole we are complying with the spirit insofar as we can under existing law. Inasmuch as all positions of the Central Intelligence Agency are regarded as sensitive, since all provide opportunity for access to classified information, the general recommendations of the report would in all probability have little or no impact on our personnel-security program. The recommendation for a Director of Personnel and Information Security with responsibilities in the field of classification of information would, however, need most careful study, as I believe the classification and declassification of information should be the responsibility of those who deal with the information concerned. In this respect, for instance, I have certain statutory responsibilities in this field.

On the whole, however, I believe the report, even if accepted in its entirety as written, would not be unacceptable to us. Our General Counsel has made a much more detailed review than I

have covered here and would, if you desire, be prepared to discuss various technical points with you or your staff.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Director of Security
General Counsel

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

We believe there are several technical defects in the recommendations of the Bonsal report but that on the whole it would not affect us particularly. There is, however, one recommendation for a Director of Personnel and Information Security, who would review and recommend specifically on classification and declassification of information. We could probably live with this, but it doesn't look like a completely acceptable thought, and I believe it will be objected to strongly by other agencies when they comment officially on this report. I have, therefore, merely noted it as a problem in the attached ~~proposed letter to Mr. Wright.~~

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Lawrence R. Houston, General Counsel 7/6/56

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